



## KENT COUNTY LOCAL MANAGEMENT BOARD

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# MINUTES

## Kent County Local Board Meeting with Guiding Coalition

June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 2:00 pm – 3:45 pm

In person: Center for Environment and Society at Washington College

### Attendance:

**Board:** Shelly Neal-Edwards, John Schratwieser, Annie Woodall, Van Hamlin, Lauren Scarce, Jill Coleman, Maria Daniels, Terrence Moody, Zita Seals

**Guiding Coalition:** Darran Tilghman, Julie Gill, Sheila Lomax, Hope Clark, Vanessa Holloway Truxon

**Staff:** Rosemary Ramsey Granillo

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### Welcome

The meeting began at 2:10 pm.

The March 16<sup>th</sup> minutes were approved. Annie Woodall made the motion and John Schratwieser seconded the motion, all approved.

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### FY2024 Officers

Board Members reviewed the positions and filled out nomination forms. Nominees will accept or decline and the Board will vote at the July meeting.

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### Director's Report

Rosemary presented the following to the Board and Guiding coalition members:

#### FY2023 Wrap and FY2024 Projections

FY24 and FY23 Revenue Comparison	FY23	FY24
Kent County Commissioners	\$ 130,553.00	\$ 59,281.00
Maryland State Department of Education	\$ 64,349.00	\$ 64,349.00
Community Partnership Agreement (Children's Cabinet)	\$ 453,229.00	\$ 422,015.00
Local Care Team	\$ 90,437.00	\$ 130,350.00
Kent County Health Department	\$ -	\$ 40,000.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 738,568.00</b>	<b>\$ 715,995.00</b>



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FY24 and FY23 Comparison	FY23 Actual	FY24 Budget
Minary's Dream Academy	\$ 99,989.00	\$ 95,000.00
Youth Led Mental Health Program Design (FY23) and Peer Mentoring Initiative (FY24)	\$ 61,909.00	\$ 60,000.00
Healthy Families Home Visiting	\$ 159,023.00	\$ 187,626.00
Youth Spaces (FY23 KCPL; FY24 MDA, Choptank Legacy, HipHop Time Capsule)	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 40,297.00
Community Support (Planning, Training, Food, Supplies)	\$ 31,865.00	\$ 28,819.00
<b>Programs Total</b>	<b>\$ 370,786.00</b>	<b>\$ 411,742.00</b>
Salaries (Director, Systems of Care, Admin; FY23 included Housing&Transportation Coordinator)	\$ 328,283.00	\$ 287,599.00
Operating (equipment, office supplies, etc)	\$ 39,499.00	\$ 16,654.00
<b>Operating Total</b>	<b>\$ 367,782.00</b>	<b>\$ 304,253.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 738,568.00</b>	<b>\$ 715,995.00</b>

### **HIGHLIGHTS FOR END OF FY2023 ACTIVITIES** RACIAL EQUITY INSTITUTE PHASE 1 WORKSHOP

This year we saw two cohorts participate in the Racial Equity Institute's Phase 1 workshop. This is an extension of several years of anti-racist community building, from 3 Undoing Racism workshops by the People's Institute and Beyond (2016-2019), to over 300 people attending Racial Equity Institute's Groundwater presentation on Martin Luther King Jr. Day in 2020. In FY2022 over 200 Kent County Public School staff members attended the same Groundwater presentation, and this year KCPS partnered with Social Action for Racial Justice and KCLMB for the Phase 1 (2 day) training in May. KCLMB just sponsored a second offering of the Phase 1 workshop with representation from Chestertown Town Council, Kent Family YMCA, the Public Library, Parks & Rec, Sumner Hall, League of Women Voters, Garfield Theater, Mainstreet Chestertown, Rebuilding Together Kent County, Minary's Dream Alliance, KCLMB staff and board, and Washington College.

Immersive learning and community awareness around structural racism is vital for our community building goals. REI and PISAB's workshops are unlike most other Diversity, Equity & Inclusion trainings in that they succinctly transform participants understanding of



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how race and racism were created, how they are perpetuated, and how we can begin to take action to address them.

### KCLMB LED/SPONSORED ACTIVITIES (Quarter 4)

- Mental Health Resource Fair 5/16
- Washington College Interns – lunch n learn series with regional partners
- No Such Thing as a Bad Kid at Chesapeake College 5/18
- Artworks Mental Health Symposium with Findlay House Global 6/10
- Sage Wellness Trauma Training 6/21
- Kent County Public Library Teen Space Upgrades
- Minary's Dream Academy at Echo Hill Outdoor School

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### Your Plans

Board and Guiding Coalition members broke into small groups to discuss their organization's plans and challenges for the upcoming fiscal year. Some highlights were:

- Dept. of Juvenile Services implementing Safe Summers community based funding opportunities
- Kent Cultural Alliance – 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Hispanic Heritage Month Sept 8<sup>th</sup>-Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>
- United Way – small grant for Kent County Food Council to coordinate food pantries and feeding initiatives
- Mid Shore Behavioral Health – State's new Consortium for Community Supports to use Blueprint funds to increase access to behavioral health services for students
- Washington College Starr Center – Hip Hop Time Capsule and Open Studio to work with local artists to record music. College in conversation with community stakeholders to convert 800 Dixon Valve into a Makerspace.
- Millington Town Council – Breaking ground in 2024 on senior housing and community campus at former elementary school

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### Our Plan

Board and Guiding Coalition Members discussed upcoming strategies to further engage residents at the neighborhood level during our upcoming Community planning cycle.

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### STRATEGIES FOR CO-CREATING COMMUNITY STRATEGIES/PROPOSALS/ACTIVITIES



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Parent/Family/Kid retreats  
Neighborhood Pitches – to lay groundwork for leveraging outside resources/funding  
Definition of Roles – how do people want to lead or participate  
Who is the messenger, Who is the changemaker  
Local Handbook – access guide for neighborhoods that breaks down budgets, organizations, elected positions, and resources for residents to better understand.

### LISTENING

Social Media campaigns that document residents voices  
Church Based Community Activities  
Regular Conversation Circles in neighborhoods  
1:1 interviews – train young people to collect interviews  
Leaders self identify, Neighborhoods should self identify  
    Be invited by neighborhoods – create mechanism for that to happen  
Intentional Activities that bring different neighborhoods together  
Center food – meals, pizza for opinions  
Engage with young people in the roads/neighborhoods

### SPACES

Churches, Community Center, Neighborhood schools (Community Schools ie Rock Hall & Chestertown), Arts spaces, Parks, Senior Center, Hair Salons, Homes, Ag Center

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**Next Board Meeting: July 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Next Board and Guiding Coalition Meeting: September 21**

**November Board Meeting: Nov. 16**

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